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SUBJECT: JUNE 13 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. BERNARD GWERTZMAN OF NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED MONDAY THAT U.S. HAS SUGGESTED TO SOVIET UNION THAT EACH SIDE'S OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC FORCE BE CUT BY ABOUT 10 PERCENT BELOW 2,400 LEVEL AGREED UPON AT VLADIVOSTOK THREE YEARS AGO. GWERTZMAN SAID THIS WAS REPORTED BY CAPITOL HILL SOURCES AND CONFIRMED BY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. THESE SOURCES TOLD GWERTZMAN THAT SECRETARY VANCE TOLD SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO LAST MONTH IN GENEVA THAT NEW SALT TREATY SHOULD HAVE LIMIT OF 2,160 OFFENSIVE MISSILE LAUNCHERS AND HEAVY BOMBERS.

2. BALTIMORE SUN PUBLISHED REUTERS DISPATCH FROM ISLAMABAD REPORTING THAT PAKISTAN HAS ALLOCATED 40 MILLION DOLLARS TO PURCHASE NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLAN. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAS SAID HE WILL GO AHEAD WITH PLANNED PURCHASE
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DESPITE STRONG PRESSURE FROM U.S. TO CANCEL IT IN INTERESTS OF AVOIDING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

3. BERNARD GWERTZMAN IN JUNE 11 NEW YORK TIMES SAID U.S. AND SOVIET UNION WILL BEGIN DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON JUNE 13 ON POSSIBLE AGREEMENT TO BAN ALL EXPLOSIONS OF NUCLEAR DEVICES. TIMES CORRESPONDENT SAID PRESIDENT CARTER

HAS MADE TEST BAN ACCORD ONE OF PRIORITY ARMS CONTROL GOALS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. GWERTZMAN QUOTED AMERICAN SOURCES AS SAYING DESPITE STRAINS IN OVERALL U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, SOVIET SIDE HAS BEEN RECEPTIVE TO SEEKING AGREEMENT ON BANNING ALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. SOURCE ALSO STRESSED, HE SAID, THAT DISCUSSIONS IN THIS FIELD HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY YEARS, ALTHOUGH MAJOR PROGRESS IN TALKS WOULD OF COURSE BE TRANSLATED AS SIGN OF IMPROVED TIES.

4. PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEETING LAST WEEK WITH CONGRESSIONAL OPPONENTS OF B-1 BOMBER RECEIVED WIDE PRESS PLAY. BALTIMORE SUN REPORTED JUNE 11 ON SPECULATION THAT PRESIDENT WOULD ANNOUNCE DECISION LATER THIS MONTH IN FAVOR OF LIMITED PRODUCTION OF B-1, "WHICH HE LABELED UNNECESSARY AND WASTEFUL DURING CAMPAIGN DAYS."

5. SYNDICATED COLUMNISTS ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK IN JUNE 11 WASHINGTON POST SAID DEFENSE-ORIENTED SENATORS WHO FOUGHT TO DEFEAT PAUL WARNKE AS CHIEF U.S. NUCLEAR ARMS NEGOTIATOR "ARE QUIETLY REMINDING CARTER ADMINISTRATION THAT MARCH 9 SENATE VOTE CONCEALED ANTI-WARNKE SENTIMENT FAR HIGHER THAN 40 VOTES CAST AGAINST HIM. CAREFUL STUDY OF 58-40 VOTE THAT CONFIRMED CONTROVERSIAL WASHINGTON ATTORNEY SHOWS THAT AT LEAST NINE SENATORS -- EIGHT OF THEM DEMOCRATS -- WHO USUALLY VOTE STRONGLY WITH DEFENSE BLOC VOTED FOR WARNKE AS CHIEF NEGOTIATOR IN SALT AS CONCESSION TO CARTER. THAT MEANS MINIMUM OF 49 SENATORS, FAR MORE THAN NECESSARY ONE THIRD, WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY LINE UNCLASSIFIED

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UP AGAINST ANY WARNKE-SPONSORED SALT TWO TREATY PERCEIVED BY DEFENSE BLOC AS RISKING U.S. SECURITY. ANTI-WARNKE SENATORS WHO HAVE ANALYZED THAT MARCH 9 VOTE NOW BELIEVE THAT CARTER HAD TO 'TWIST LOT OF ARMS' TO HOLD ANTI-WARNKE VOTE DOWN TO 40 SENATORS -- A SIGN OF SENATE'S LOW REGARD FOR WARNKE...."

6. ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED JUNE 11 THAT SUPPORT DEVELOPED IN SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS APPROPRIATIONS FOR 150 MILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION FOR CLINCH RIVER BREEDER REACTOR IN TENNESSEE "WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER WANTS CANCELLED IN MOVE TO CURB SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS." SENATOR JAMES R. SASSER OF TENNESSEE PROPOSED 150 MILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION AS COMPROMISE BETWEEN 237 MILLION DOLLARS CALLED FOR BY PRESIDENT FORD AND 33 MILLION DOLLARS RECOMMENDED BY PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR COSTS OF TERMINATING PROJECT. SUBCOMMITTEE DEFERRED VOTE UNTIL JUNE 15.

7. SYNDICATED COLUMNIST JOSEPH KRAFT, CONTINUING HIS REPORTS FROM MOSCOW, POINTED OUT IN JUNE 12 WASHINGTON POST THAT "PRECISELY BECAUSE RUSSIA IS BETTER THAN PREVIOUSLY SUPPOSED AT MANAGING INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS, AMERICAN EFFORTS TO WIN QUICK ADVANTAGES BY PRESSING ON SOVIET FAULT LINES ARE BOUND TO BE SLAPPED DOWN.... THAT IS WHY CARTER'S COMPREHENSIVE ARMS-CONTROL PROPOSAL WAS SO QUICKLY REJECTED, AND WHY HIS HUMAN RIGHTS EMPHASIS HAS BOOMERANGED IN NEW CRACKDOWN ON SOVIET DISSIDENTS...." VANCE

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